

EXCERPT OF FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2004

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Prof. Peter Gordon, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, presented the Committee's annual report, which is attached to these minutes. There was lively discussion of the issue of grade inflation addressed in the report. At the conclusion of the discussion, Prof. Wegner, summarized the sense of the Council as follows:

- Grade inflation is a matter warranting further review by the faculty.
- The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is requested to (1) distribute a copy of the report of the Educational Policy Committee to each department chair, (2) provide department chairs with data compiled by the University Registrar showing grade data by discipline, and (3) ask department chairs to reflect and report on the nature of grading patterns and whether they believe action is warranted either within their discipline or at the university level.
- The Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars and the Center for Teaching and Learning are asked to produce updates on best practices relevant to issues involved in the grade inflation phenomenon.
- The Educational Policy Committee is requested to consider and report on specific approaches to management of grading, such as reporting class rank, annotated transcripts, and other approaches.